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The Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Kekuanaoa Building, 1st Floor
465 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

Subject: Docket No. 2008-0274 – Decoupling Proceeding
Hawaiian Electric Companies' Request for Additional Time to Respond

On July 15, 2009, the Commission filed additional post-hearing information requests ("IRs") which were prepared by its consultant, the National Regulatory Research Institute ("NRRI"). The Commission directed the Hawaiian Electric Companies¹ to respond to the first six IRs, PUC-IR-50 through PUC-IR-55,² within 14 days of the date of the letter (i.e., July 31, 2009³), and all parties in this proceeding⁴ to respond to the remaining IRs, PUC-IR-56 through PUC-IR-64,⁵ within 28 days of the date of the letter (i.e., August 14, 2009³).

At the Hawaiian Electric Companies' request, a conference call was held on July 31, 2009 with NRRI to discuss and clarify certain IRs.⁶ As a result of this call, additional time is required to respond to all IRs. Therefore, the Companies respectfully request that the

¹ The "Hawaiian Electric Companies" or "Companies" are Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. and Maui Electric Company, Limited.

² For reference purposes, the IRs have been renumbered from PUC-IR-1 through PUC-IR-6 to avoid confusion with previous IRs which were similarly numbered.

³ In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule ("HAR") § 6-61-21(e), because the parties were served by mail, two days have been added to the prescribed period.

⁴ In addition to the Hawaiian Electric Companies, the parties in this proceeding are: the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the "Consumer Advocate"); the Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance; Haiku Design and Analysis ("HDA"); Hawaii Holdings, LLC dba First Wind Hawaii; the State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism ("DBEDT"); the Hawaii Solar Energy Association; and Blue Planet Foundation.

⁵ For reference purposes, the IRs have been renumbered from PUC-IR-7 through PUC-IR-14 to avoid confusion with previous IRs which were similarly numbered.

⁶ The Commission issued a letter inviting all parties in this proceeding to the conference call, although participation was not required. The Commission staff, NRRI, the Hawaiian Electric Companies, the Consumer Advocate, HDA, DBEDT and Blue Planet Foundation participated in this call.

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Commission grant one-week extensions for the filing of the parties' IR responses to August 7, 2009 for the Companies' responses to PUC-IR-50 through PUC-IR-55, and to August 24, 2009⁷ for the Companies' and the parties' responses to PUC-IR-56 through PUC-IR-64.

The Hawaiian Electric Companies sincerely apologize for any inconvenience to the Commission and the other parties caused by this extension request.

Very truly yours,



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Haiku Design and Analysis
Hawaii Holdings, LLC, dba First Wind Hawaii
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⁷ A one-week extension falls on August 21, 2009, a State holiday. According to HAR § 6-61-22, the next day which is not a weekend or holiday shall be the due date, i.e., Monday, August 24, 2009.

